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FWS ANNOUNCES WATERFOWL HUNTING REGULATIONS
SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S

The Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued final waterfowl hunting frameworks for the upcoming 1992-93 season very similar to those of last year.

The frameworks prescribe season lengths, bag limits, shooting hours, and outside dates for the hunting of ducks, geese, swans, and coots from which the State wildlife agencies select and establish their waterfowl hunting regulations. State regulations may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than the Federal frameworks.

The final frameworks for the regular waterfowl season remained much the same as originally proposed in the August 21, 1992, Federal Register except for two changes.

In previous years, there has been a 3-bird limit in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit within the Central Flyway and only two of those birds could be drake mallards. This year that within-bag restriction has been suspended and the total bag can consist of drake mallards.

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Also, a temporary exception to the duck-zoning criteria in the Southern San Joaquin Valley will be continued through the 1992-93 season. This temporary zone was established in response to the California drought conditions.

Otherwise, the regulations remain much the same as last year's but with framework dates of October 1 through January 20 in all flyways for ducks. For geese, the daily bag limit was cut from 3 to 2 in the Mississippi Flyway and additional restrictions were put in place to reduce the harvest of Atlantic Population Canada geese.

The complete text of the final frameworks was published in the September 22, 1992, Federal Register. Waterfowl hunters are urged to contact the wildlife agency for the States in which they plan to hunt for the specific regulations governing their seasons.